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Governor Gary Locke Proclaims October 5 – 11, 2003, Fire Prevention Week

Chief Ronal W. Serpas announced today that Governor Locke has proclaimed October 5 -11, 2003, **Fire Prevention Week**. Citizens are encouraged to practice this year's theme: "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!"

State Fire Marshal Mary Corso states, "Fire can strike at any time. Ensure your home is ready by installing and testing smoke alarms and developing and practicing home exit drills. Early notification to the presence of smoke can increase the likelihood that the occupants have time to exit safely in an emergency situation. Ongoing practice of your family's home exit drill will help ensure everyone in your home knows how to get out when a fire danger is present."

Please make **Fire Prevention Week** a part of your family's tradition by implementing or practicing fire safety within your home.

To view Governor Locke's Proclamation, you may visit <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/proc2003.pdf>.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State, including inspections of state-licensed facilities, plan review of fire protection systems and school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data. For additional information, you may visit our Web page at www.wsp.wa.gov and then click on "State Fire Marshal."

For more information on Fire Prevention Week, contact your local fire department or the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (360) 753-0400.

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